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In re Appln. of: Prochazka et al.Appln. No.: 10/712,768Filed: November 13, 2003For: PROCESS TO MAKE RUTILE PIGMENT  
FROM AQUEOUS TITANIUM SOLUTIONSAttorney Docket No: 10225/57 (A28)

Examiner:

Art Unit: 1754

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## TRANSMITTAL

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## Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter; Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; cited references A1-A3  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
WO 01/00530	1/4/2001	WIPO

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. International Search Report, PCT/US2004/037421, filed on November 10, 2004
2. Koelsch, M. et al., "Comparison of Optical and Electrochemical Properties of Anatase and Brookite TiO<sub>2</sub> Synthesized by the Sol-Gel Method", *Thin Solid Films*, Vol. 403-404, pp. 312-319 (2002)

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.


By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

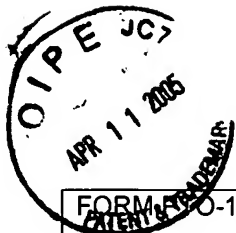
For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	WO 01/00530	1/4/2001	WIPO		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
	A2	International Search Report, PCT/US2004/037421, filed on November 10, 2004
	A3	Koelsch, M. et al., "Comparison of Optical and Electrochemical Properties of Anatase and Brookite TiO <sub>2</sub> Synthesized by the Sol-Gel Method", <i>Thin Solid Films</i> , Vol. 403-404, pp. 312-319 (2002)

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